

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
MO130059-AC

VIOLATOR:
Trina Thomas

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):
Elkland, MO 65644

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: November 5, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care and to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries to the animals in your facility. APHIS observed the following:

- 1) A bottle of Vitamin B Complex in the medication storage area which had expired 4/10.
- 2) A bottle of Oxytocin in the medication storage area which had no expiration date.

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9 C.F.R. § 2.50(a)(2) Time and method of identification.

(a) A class "A" dealer (breeder) shall identify all live dogs and cats on the premises as follows:

(2) Live puppies or kittens, less than 16 weeks of age, shall be identified by:

- (i) An official tag as described in § 2.51;
- (ii) A distinctive and legible tattoo marking approved by the Administrator; or
- (iii) A plastic-type collar acceptable to the Administrator which has legibly placed thereon the information required for an official tag pursuant to § 2.51.

You failed to identify all live puppies inside your facility. APHIS observed 4 puppies (2 each from different litters) in the same primary enclosure with no proper identification.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.2(b) Indoor housing facilities. Indoor housing facilities.

(b) Ventilation. Indoor housing facilities for dogs and cats must be sufficiently ventilated at all times when dogs or cats are present to provide for their health and well-being, and to

minimize odors, drafts, ammonia levels, and moisture condensation. Ventilation must be provided by windows, vents, fans, or air conditioning. Auxiliary ventilation, such as fans, blowers, or air conditioning must be provided when the ambient temperature is 85 °F (29.5 °C) or higher. The relative humidity must be maintained at a level that ensures the health and well-being of the dogs or cats housed therein, in accordance with the directions of the attending veterinarian and generally accepted professional and husbandry practices.

You failed to sufficiently ventilate indoor housing facilities. Upon entering the indoor whelping facility, APHIS detected a strong odor of ammonia which burned the noses and eyes of the inspectors.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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